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Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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USEFUL FOR DETECTING
DISEASES OF THE
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

Examiner: N. Johnson

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10-30-00AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000. Claims 10-16, 25, 30, 35, and 38-43 are currently pending. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response thereby extending the due date from September 20, 2000 to October 20, 2000.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

C 10. (Twice Amended) A test kit useful for detecting a polynucleotide in a test sample, comprising a container containing at least one polynucleotide that comprises a polynucleotide [capable of (i) selectively hybridizing to and (ii)] having at least [about 70%] 90% identity with a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQUENCE ID NO 1; SEQUENCE ID NO 2; SEQUENCE ID NO 3; SEQUENCE ID NO 4; SEQUENCE ID NO 5; SEQUENCE ID NO 6; SEQUENCE ID NO 7; SEQUENCE ID NO 8; SEQUENCE ID NO 9; SEQUENCE ID NO 12; SEQUENCE ID NO 13;